

Montana Central Tumor Registry

Newsletter



Electronic Reporting by non-hospital Health Care Providers: Meaningful Use

What is Meaningful Use?

In 2009, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) was enacted and this led way to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. This act supports electronic health records (EHR) and Meaningful Use (MU). The goal of MU is to use interoperable EHR in a meaningful way. That is, to improve the quality of patient care. The three MU components are: (1) Use the EHR in a meaningful manner; (2) Use the EHR for electronic exchange of health information (3) Use the EHR to submit clinical quality measures.

Why Cancer Reporting?

Recent shifts from hospital settings toward ambulatory health care settings for cancer treatment are increasing the importance of non-hospital health care providers' data for cancer surveillance. As health care providers adopt modern EHR systems, the opportunity to automate cancer registry reporting from health care provider settings also is increasing and becoming more feasible. Certified EHR technology can improve the process by identifying reportable cancer cases and treatments to the provider and facilitating electronic reporting either automatically or upon provider verification.

What incentive do health care providers have to participate in cancer reporting?

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering eligible healthcare professionals and hospitals incentive payments as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of their certified electronic health record (EHR).

How is the Montana Central Tumor Registry (MCTR) preparing for MU?

The MCTR is working with the CDC National Program for Cancer Registries and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries to standardize data transmissions from a health care provider EHR to the MCTR. The Central Registry is also coordinating with other public health programs at DPHHS to develop capability to receive electronic messages from providers to meet MU objectives. Electronic Lab Reporting, Syndromic Surveillance, Immunization Registry, and Cancer Registry are all preparing for MU utilization.

When will health care providers begin reporting to the MCTR?

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Up coming newsletters will share more MU details as they become available. If you have questions about MU please call or email Debbi Lemons at (406) 444-6786 or dlemons@mt.gov.

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Meet the Registrar



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I am Kate Hollandsworth and I am the tumor registrar for Ft Harrison Veterans' Administration Medical Center and VA Montana. I have worked for the VA since 1977 where I started at the Ft. Lyons Medical Center in Colorado. I transferred to Ft. Harrison in 1979 where I have had a varied work history from ward secretary, transcription, coding clerk, credentialing clerk, to name just a few. In 1982 following the birth of our second daughter I began doing some tumor registry. Boy what a difference that was from now - one half sheet of blue paper with very little information needed - I kept all the patients' names on cards in an index box. Now everything is computerized and I can see every VA's records at a touch of a mouse.

In 1991 I left the VA for a while to get my Associate Degree in Computer Sciences

but eventually in 2005 ended up back at the VA Hospital working in medical records again. I inquired about the tumor registry and here I am again doing a job I absolutely love. I was flabbergasted about all the changes. On March 20th this year I took my CTR exam and fortunately passed the first time around. Longest test I have ever taken in my life. I also began on my RHIT a couple years ago taking one class a semester. I don't have that many classes to go since I have many other college credits and plenty of medical record experience already. It is my third go at college - I think I could go forever. I expect to be doing this job for the rest of my working career. It is the first job I have ever had that I feel like will last me forever. I love the constant learning curve and challenges. In addition, I love working with the veterans.

I have two daughters - 32 and 34. One lives in Alaska with her husband and they are expecting my first grandchild in about a month - so guess where I will be soon? My other daughter lives down the road about a mile from me in Elliston, MT where we have lived since 1981. They say it takes a community to raise a child and this wonderful little Montana town did a great job on my girls. My husband and I needed every lick of help we could get with two fiery redheads.

As far as hobbies go my first love is horses. I have had horses since I was born. I love riding them and I love driving them in harness with wagons and buggies. My whole summer is centered around horse events both driving and riding. Between my daughter and me we have 7 equines - 4 horses and 3 previously wild burros. Two of our horses were wild mustangs we adopted and are now fully trained. The other two are small draft horses - Halflingers - a breed originally from Austria. You don't have to guess where both of our paycheck goes, do you? We are planning a camping trip with horses to Holland Lake this summer with some other friends. Lots of trails to ride and a lake right there for swimming and canoeing (another favorite hobby). I'll be in seventh heaven! You are all welcome to come along :).

Save the Date MCRA Spring Workshop

Montana Cancer Registrars Association
Spring Workshop
May 16-17, 2013
Bozeman Deaconess Cancer Center

Congratulations New CTR's!

D'Ann Silva
St. Peter's Hospital, Helena

Kate Hollandsworth
VAMC, Fort Harrison

Preliminary Agenda: Thursday May 16

7:00 MCRA Executive Board Meeting
7:45 Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:15 Educational Presentations
12:15 Lunch/MCRA Business Meeting
1:00-5:15 Educational Presentations

Friday May 17

8:00 Continental Breakfast
8:30-12:00 Educational Presentations

Accommodations:

Western Heritage Inn
1200 E Main St, Bozeman (406) 586-8534
\$78 plus tax (rooms held until April 22)

Certificate of Excellence Recipients

The following facilities received a certificate for the 2012 Fourth Quarter, acknowledging their timeliness in reporting. Ninety percent of their cases were reported within 12 months.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>City</u>
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Physicians:

Rogers Dermatology
Advanced Dermatology of Butte
Dermatology Assoc of Great Falls
Associated Dermatology
Helena Dermatology
Dermatology Associates
Dermatology Provider of Missoula

Bozeman
Butte
Great Falls
Helena
Helena
Kalispell
Missoula

Hospitals:

Billings Clinic
St. Vincent Healthcare
Liberty Medical Center
Teton Medical Center
Glendive Medical Center
Sletten Cancer Center
Kalispell Regional Medical Center
Central Montana Medical Center
St. Patrick Hospital
Clark Fork Valley Hospital

Billings
Billings
Chester
Choteau
Glendive
Great Falls
Kalispell
Lewistown
Missoula
Plains



Boot Camp

Source: NAACCR Central Webinar 3/7/13

Match the word with the best definition

Rhabdomyoma	_____	A: A tumor arising from fibrous tissue
Leiomyoma	_____	B: A tumor arising from nerve cells or nerve tissue
Hyperplasia	_____	C: Cancer arising from glandular tissue
Fibrosarcoma	_____	D: smooth muscle tumor
Adenocarcinoma	_____	E: excessive growth
Chondrosarcoma	_____	F: striated muscle tumor
Myoma	_____	G: A tumor arising from muscle tissue
Neuroma	_____	H: Cancer arising from cartilage

Identify which prefix/suffix corresponds with the following definition

Ecto	_____	A: Tumor
Morph/o	_____	B: Within or inside
Myx/o	_____	C: Red
Endo	_____	D: Shape
Medull/o	_____	E: Outside
Onc/o	_____	F: Middle or inner section
Erythr/o	_____	G: Mucous
Scirrh	_____	H: Hard

Match the word with the best definition

Posterior	_____	A: Toward the middle
Distal	_____	B: To the side. Away from the middle
Rostral	_____	C: Behind or toward the rear
Lateral	_____	D: Above
Superior	_____	E: Away from the beginning of the structure
Medial	_____	F: Within the body cavity
Visceral	_____	G: Toward the front

Match the organ with the regional lymph nodes

Lung	_____	A: Gastric
Breast	_____	B: None/Not applicable
Colon	_____	C: Axillary
Prostate	_____	D: Paracolic
Tongue	_____	E: Mediastinal
Stomach	_____	F: Iliac
Brain	_____	G: Cervical